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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRINCE SAUD

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY
TO PRINCE SAUD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN AFRICA REQUIRE THAT I BE AWAY DURING THE PERIOD YOU ARE
PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON. I SINCERELY
REGRET THIS UNAVOIDABLE CHANGE OF PLANS BROUGHT ABOUT BY
CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND MY CONTROL IN AFRICA.

I KNOW THAT A NUMBER OF ENGAGEMENTS IN WASHINGTON HAVE
ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR YOU, INCLUDING A MEETING WITH
THE PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 17. PLEASE DO NOT LET MY
ABSENCE KEEP YOU FROM ANY OF THESE APPOINTMENTS. ACTING
SECRETARY OF STATE ROBINSON WILL SERVE AS YOUR HOST. WHEN
I RETURN, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU FOR
RELAXED, INFORMAL TALKS, AS WELL AS HAVE YOU AS MY GUEST
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FOR A MEAL. I WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS SOON AS

I AM ABLE TO PROPOSE A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THIS. AGAIN,
PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES FOR THIS ABRUPT CHANGE IN PLANS

WHICH I HOPE WILL NOT CAUSE TOO MANY INCONVENIENCES IN YOUR
SCHEDULE. WITH WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER
END OF TEXT.
KISSINGER

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